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WHEN Marmout left Paris on the receipt of the intelligence from Esbonne, Marshals Macdonald and Ney and the Duke of Viennois waited upon the Emperor Alexander to learn his resolution before he could have been informed of the movement of Jérôme's troops. I myself went during the morning to the hotel of M. de Talleyrand, and it was there I learnt how what we had hoped for had become fact: the matter was completely decided, The Emperor Alexander had walked out at nine in the morning to the residence of the King of Prussia in the Rue de Bourbon. The two sovereigns afterwards proceeded together to M. de Talleyrand's, where they were when Napoleon's Commissioners arrived. The Commissioners being introduced to the two sovereigns; the Empe-